

REMARKS

Claims 9-41 and 47-59 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction as allegedly being drawn to patentably distinct species. Applicant traverses the restriction requirement.

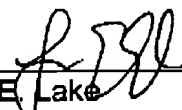
Applicant asserts that the species defined by the Office are invalid as not possessing mutually exclusive characteristics pursuant to MPEP 806.04(f). As such, it is impossible for Applicant to provide a listing of claims readable only on one species since some of the claims read upon multiple species. Applicant accordingly requests withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Merely to provide a complete reply, and without admitting to the propriety of the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the first species directed to, among other features, non-selective deposition where first and second surfaces exhibit different deposition properties. Applicant asserts that claims 9-41, 47-51, 54, and 58 are readable thereon. However, Applicant notes that claim 54 is also readable on species two and that claim 58 is also readable on species three. As known to those of ordinary skill, "chemisorbing" set forth in claims 54 and 58 is one type of deposition. Thus, it is clearly apparent that the species have not been defined in a valid manner.

Applicant notes that all pending claims were previously allowed and that no new art has been identified to negate the prior allowance. Applicant requests allowance of all of pending claims 9-41 and 47-59 in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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